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# ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

# Town of Strafford

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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Year Ending January 31, 1921





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## Receipts and Expenditures

—OF THE—

# Town of Strafford

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

—FOR THE—

Year Ending January 31, 1921

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F. S. EATON  
CENTRE BARNSTEAD, N. H.  
1921

## Town Officers.

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### *Moderator*

ALBERT H. BROWN

### *Town Clerk*

FRANK W. HILTON

### *Selectmen*

CHARLES F. HILL

FRANK R. JONES

WILBUR E. FOSS

### *Town Treasurer*

CHESTER R. BROWN

### *Auditors*

CHARLES W. WALDRON

ROSCOE E. FOSS

### *Supervisors*

ELMER A. SCRIBNER

ELSWORTH H. BERRY

ARTHUR R. CAVERLY

### *School Board*

MRS. LENA LEIGHTON

M. CORRINE TUFTS

VICTOR L. CAVERLY

### *School Treasurer*

MRS. EMMA L. P. FOSS

### *Road Agents*

HENRY R. FOSS

EARL TUFTS

JESSE B. GRAY



## Selectmen's Report.

### VALUATION OF TOWN OF STRAFFORD,

APRIL 1, 1920

Land and buildings .....	\$541,843.00
Horses, 234 .....	28,390.00
Asses, 1 .....	50.00
Oxen, 12 .....	1,545.00
Cows, 337 .....	27,215.00
Neat stock, 199 .....	10,525.00
Sheep, 83 .....	771.00
Hogs, 18 .....	415.00
Hens, 990 .....	1,485.00
Portable mills, 8 .....	6,205.00
Wood and lumber .....	5,225.00
Stock in trade .....	98,029.00
Aqueducts .....	850.00
Mills and machinery .....	1,500.00
Stock in banks .....	300.00
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	\$724,393.00

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1920

State tax .....	\$2,115.00
Special tax .....	282.00
County tax .....	1,528.09
High school tuition .....	800.00
To complete school year .....	900.00
\$2.00 per pupil .....	272.00
School officers salaries .....	215.00
School repairs .....	200.00
5 per cent of valuation .....	3,621.96

Town expenses .....	1,000.00
Memorial .....	50.00
Highways and bridges .....	5,000.00
Trunk line construction .....	1,098.00
State road maintenance .....	250.00
Old Home Day .....	300.00

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\$17,632.05

Tax rate \$2.30 per \$100.

#### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

April	3	Edson J. Clark, balance 1919 .....	\$15.00
	3	Frank R. Jones, balance 1919 .....	18.00
	3	Walter H. Babb, health officer .....	17.50
May	1	C. F. Hill, balance 1919 ...	29.00
	1	Frank R. Jones, services in part 1920 .....	64.50
	1	Wilbur E. Foss, services in part 1920 .....	61.50
June	5	F. A. Scruton, services in part, tax collecting, 1919	50.00
July	3	F. A. Scruton, collecting dog licenses .....	15.00
	3	F. A. Scruton, balance collecting 1919 taxes .....	50.00
Aug.	7	F. A. Scruton, in part, collecting 1920 taxes.....	125.00
Oct.	2	Jessie B. Gray, services ballot clerk .....	12.00
Nov.	6	V. L. Caverly, services ballot clerk .....	9.00
1921			
Jan.	31	Chester R. Brown, services as treasurer .....	75.00



31	Chester R. Brown, money paid out .....	2.00
31	A. M. Leighton, balance as tax collector, 1918 .....	40.00
31	Frank W. Hilton, services as town clerk .....	50.00
31	Frank W. Hilton, issuing auto permits .....	19.00
31	C. F. Hill, services as select- man .....	149.00
31	F. P. Jones, in part .....	54.00
31	W. E. Jones, in part .....	60.75
31	F. A. Scruton, services as ballot clerk, 1919, 1920 .....	5.00
31	F. A. Scruton, services in part collecting 1912 taxes .....	50.00
31	A. H. Brown, services as moderator 1915 to 1921 .....	30.00
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		\$1,001.25

## TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

April	3	F. S. Eaton, printing town report .....	\$90.00
May	1	E. C. Eastman, books .....	4.54
June	5	E. S. Eastman, books .....	3.46
	5	Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	1.00
Nov.	6	Tel. & Tel Co. ....	.35
Jan.	31	C. M. Hill .....	11.84
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			\$111.19

## TOWN HALL

Dec.	4	H. R. Foss, wood .....	\$5.00
	4	H. R. Foss, cleaning town house .....	2.00
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			\$7.00

## DAMAGE BY DOGS

Mar.	8	C. M. Robertson, calf killed	\$15.00
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			\$15.00

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mar.	8	Ainslies Drug Store .....	\$2.85
July	3	W. H. Babb, posting mea- sles card .....	2.50
1921			
Jan.	31	Ainslies Drug Store .....	12.40
	31	F. W. Hilton, vital statistics	11.50
	31	J. F. Merrill, reporting births and deaths .....	3.50
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			\$32.75

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

1920

Feb.	9	H. R. Foss .....	\$106.39
Mar.	8	H. R. Foss .....	602.76
April	3	H. R. Foss .....	332.69
May	1	H. R. Foss .....	247.95
June	5	H. R. Foss .....	270.40
July	3	H. R. Foss .....	446.75
Aug.	7	H. R. Foss .....	133.64
Sept.	4	H. R. Foss .....	454.65
Oct.	2	H. R. Foss .....	296.90
Nov.	6	H. R. Foss .....	222.10
Dec.	4	H. R. Foss .....	179.60
Jan.	1	H. R. Foss .....	148.70
Feb.	9	John H. Perkins .....	19.80
Dec.	4	Waldron & Hill, bridge plank .....	132.48
Nov.	6	Geo. P. Foss, Winter Road .	10.00
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			\$3,604.81



Mar.	8	Roscoe A. Brock . . .	\$1,038.51	
		Ellen A. Pinkham, Winter Road . . . .	10.00	
		Willis Cater, Winter Road . . . . .	10.00	
May	1	C. W. Fernald . . . .	66.50	
Mar.	8	Ralph Gray . . . . .	524.36	
April	3	Ralph Gray . . . . .	136.82	
	3	Fred O. Caswell . . .	207.54	
			<hr/>	1,993.73

April	3	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	\$55.55	
May	1	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	35.24	
June	5	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	188.20	
July	3	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	163.95	
Aug.	7	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	35.10	
Sept.	4	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	275.70	
Oct.	2	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	224.50	
Nov.	6	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	180.60	
1921				
Jan.	1	Jesse B. Gray . . . . .	137.10	
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		C. S. Hanson, bolts and planks for drag . . . . .	\$5.00	
		Good Roads Machin- ery Co . . . . .	17.00	
			<hr/>	22.00

April	3	Earl R. Tufts . . . . .	\$245.05	
May	1	Earl R. Tufts . . . . .	53.25	
June	5	Earl R. Tufts . . . . .	187.86	
July	3	Earl R. Tufts . . . . .	574.80	
Sept.	4	Earl R. Tufts . . . . .	435.30	
Oct.	2	Earl R. Tufts . . . . .	79.70	
Nov.	6	Earl R. Tufts . . . . .	44.50	
1921				
Jan.	1	Earl R. Tufts . . . . .	410.48	

June	5	Elsworth Berry, bridge planks . . .	6.19	
			<hr/>	2,037.13
June	5	Wilbur Foss, work on Water street . .	\$59.90	
	3	Wilbur Foss, work on Water street . .	34.95	
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				\$9,048.46

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX

State tax. John W. Plumber . . . . .	\$2,115.00
Special state tax . . . . .	282.00
County tax . . . . .	1,528.09
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	\$3,925.09

## STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Balance from state . . . . .	\$238.69	
Balance from town . . . . .	159.12	
	<hr/>	\$397.81
Appropriation by state . . . . .	\$250.00	
Appropriation by town . . . . .	250.00	
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		\$897.81
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Paid by state . . . . .	\$48.05	
Paid by town . . . . .	134.43	
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		\$715.33

## TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

Balance from state . . . . .	\$250.97	
Balance from state . . . . .	260.00	
	<hr/>	\$510.97



Appropriation from state, 1920 . . . . .	\$200.00	
Appropriation from town, 1920 . . . . .	200.00	
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		\$910.97
Paid by state . . . . .	\$38.75	
Paid by town . . . . .	206.39	
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		\$665.83

#### TRUNK LINE UNIMPROVED

Paid by state . . . . .	\$83.00	
Paid by town . . . . .	400.00	
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#### FEDERAL AID

Government . . . . .	\$4,952.80	
State . . . . .	1,619.81	
Town . . . . .	3,333.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,905.61
Paid by state . . . . .	\$284.80	
Paid by town . . . . .	3,866.38	
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		\$5,754.48

#### TRUNK LINE CONSTRUCTION

Paid by town . . . . .	\$430.26
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#### NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Received from town by C. F. Hill . . . . .	\$2,800.00	
Balance unexpended, returned by C. F. Hill . . . . .	328.36	
	<hr/>	\$2,471.64

## GENERAL EXPENSE DEPARTMENT

July	3	F. W. Whitehouse, watering tub . . . . .	\$3.00
Dec.	4	H. R. Foss, watering tub . . . .	3.00
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			\$6.00

## LIBRARIES

Jan.	1	Lucy Hill . . . . .	\$42.30
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## MEMORIAL

May	1	E. I. Foss . . . . .	\$50.00
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## CEMETERIES

July	3	A. E. Foss, work on Wayne lot	\$6.95
Sept.	4	E. E. Foss, work on Wayne lot	9.00
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			\$15.95

## ABATEMENTS REFUNDED

Mar.	8	F. A. Scruton on 1919 tax list	\$84.26
July	3	F. A. Scruton on 1919 tax list	8.40
Jan.	31	F. A. Scruton on 1920 tax list	134.71
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			\$227.37

## INTEREST

Feb.	9	Rochester Trust Co. . . . .	\$37.50
Mar.	8	C. F. Hill, Austin fund . . . . .	160.00
April	3	Rochester Trust Co. . . . .	15.00
	3	Rochester Trust Co. . . . .	62.50
	3	Rochester Trust Co. . . . .	12.50
May	1	Rochester Trust Co. . . . .	12.50
June	5	Rochester Trust Co. . . . .	50.00
July	3	Rochester Trust Co. . . . .	50.00



Aug.	13	Rochester Trust Co. ....	37.50
Sept.	4	Rochester Trust Co. ....	15.00
	4	Rochester Trust Co. ....	62.50
Oct.	6	Rochester Trust Co. ....	12.50
	28	Rochester Trust Co. ....	12.50
Nov.	6	Etta J. Berry .....	65.00
	6	Elsworth H. Berry .....	35.00
1921			
Jan.	1	Rochester Trust Co. ....	50.00
	1	C. F. Hill, Austin fund .....	160.00
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			\$900.00

## SCHOOLS

Emma L. P. Foss, School Treasurer

Jan.	5	Emma L. P. Foss .....	\$900.00
July	3	Emma L. P. Foss .....	300.00
Aug.	7	Emma L. P. Foss .....	200.00
Sept.	4	Emma L. P. Foss .....	500.00
Oct.	2	Emma L. P. Foss .....	1,000.00
Nov.	6	Emma L. P. Foss .....	1,000.00
1921			
Jan.	1	Emma L. P. Foss .....	1,758.96
	31	Emma L. P. Foss .....	498.50
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			\$6,157.46

## OLD HOME DAY

Aug.	7	Fred A. Scruton .....	\$300.00
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## TEMPORARY LOANS

Oct.	2	Rochester Trust Company ..	\$1,200.00
	16	Rochester Trust Company ..	1,000.00
Nov.	6	Rochester Trust Company ..	1,700.00
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			\$3,900.00

## ABATEMENTS REFUNDED

Fred A. Scruton, 1919 tax list .....	\$92.66
Fred A. Scruton, 1920 tax list .....	134.71
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	\$227.37

## CHARLES F. HILL, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN

Mar.	13	One day at office .....	\$3.00
	16	One day at office .....	3.00
	29	One day at office .....	3.00
April	1	One day taking inventory ...	3.00
	3	One day at office .....	3.00
	6	One day taking inventory ...	3.00
	7	One day taking inventory ...	3.00
	8	One day taking inventory ...	3.00
	9	One day taking inventory ...	3.00
	10	One day taking inventory ...	3.00
	12	One day at office .....	3.00
	13	One day at office .....	3.00
	14	One day at office .....	3.00
	15	One day at office .....	3.00
	16	One day looking over lumber lots .....	3.00
	20	One day looking over lumber lots .....	3.00
	21	One day at office .....	3.00
	22	One day at office .....	3.00
	23	One day at office .....	3.00
May	1	One day at office .....	3.00
	5	One day making out taxes ...	3.00
	6	One day making out taxes ...	3.00
	7	One day making out taxes ...	3.00
	8	One day making out taxes ...	3.00
	10	One day making out taxes ...	3.00
	11	One day making out taxes ...	3.00
June	5	One day at office .....	3.00
July	3	One day at office .....	3.00



Aug.	7	One day at office .....	3.00
	21	Half day drawing jury .....	1.50
Sept.	4	One day at office .....	3.00
	7	One day at office .....	3.00
Oct.	2	One day at office .....	3.00
	16	Half day drawing jury .....	1.50
	18	One day running line with Pittsfield .....	3.00
		Use of automobile .....	2.00
	19	Half day posting warrant ...	1.50
	20	Half day fixing safe with Can- ney .....	1.50
		Bringing F. Canney from Rochester and return .....	3.25
		Paid Canney fixing safe .....	7.50
Nov.	2	One day at office .....	3.00
	6	One day at office .....	3.00
Dec.	4	One day at office .....	3.00
	20	One day running line with Northwood .....	3.00
		Use of automobile .....	2.00
1921			
Jan.	1	One day at office .....	3.00
	22	Half day drawing jury .....	1.50
	31	One day at office.....	3.00
		Copying inventory, 3 days ..	9.00
		Telephone .....	.75
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			\$149.00

## FRANK R. JONES, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN

1920

Mar.	13	One day at office .....	\$3.00
	16	One day at office .....	3.00
	20	One day at Dover to meet tax commission .....	4.50
	29	One day at office .....	3.00

April	1	One day taking inventory with horse .....	4.50
	3	One day at office .....	3.00
	6	One day taking inventory with horse .....	4.50
	7	One day taking inventory with horse .....	4.50
	8	One day taking inventory with horse .....	4.50
	9	One day taking inventory with horse .....	3.00
	10	One day taking inventory with horse .....	4.50
	13	One day at office .....	3.00
	14	One day at office .....	3.00
	15	One day at office .....	3.00
	20	One day looking over lumber lots with horse .....	4.50
	21	One day looking over lumber	3.00
	22	One day looking over lumber	3.00
May	1	One day at office .....	3.00
June	5	One day at office .....	3.00
Aug.	21	Half day at office .....	1.50
Sept.	4	One day at office .....	3.00
	7	One day at office .....	3.00
Oct.	2	One day at office .....	3.00
	16	Half day drawing jury .....	1.50
	18	One day running Pittsfield line	3.00
	19	Half day at office to post warrant .....	1.50
Nov.	2	One day at office .....	3.00
	6	One day at office .....	3.00
Dec.	4	One day at office .....	3.00
		Going to Rochester to see Sam Felker .....	2.00
	8-9	Going to Manchester and expenses .....	10.00

1921			
Jan.	1	One day at office .....	3.00
	4	One day at office .....	3.00
	22	Half day drawing jury .....	1.50
	31	One day at office .....	3.00
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			\$118.50

## WILBUR E. FOSS, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN

1920			
Mar.	13	At office .....	\$3.00
	16	At office .....	3.00
	29	At office .....	3.00
April	1	Taking inventory .....	3.00
	3	At office .....	3.00
	6	Taking inventory .....	3.00
	7	Taking inventory .....	3.00
	8	Taking inventory .....	3.00
	9	Taking inventory .....	3.00
	10	Taking inventory .....	3.00
	12	At office .....	3.00
	13	At office .....	3.00
	14	At office .....	3.00
	15	At office .....	3.00
	16	Looking over lumber lots ...	3.00
	20	Looking over lumber lots ...	3.00
	21	At office .....	3.00
	22	At office .....	3.00
May	1	At office .....	3.00
	5	At office .....	3.00
	6	At office .....	3.00
	7	At office .....	3.00
	8	At office .....	3.00
	10	At office .....	3.00
	11	At office .....	3.00
June	5	At office .....	3.00
July	3	At office .....	3.00
	19	Looking after dog depredation	2.00



Aug.	7	At office .....	3.00
Sept.	4	At office, half day .....	1.50
Oct.	2	At office, half day .....	1.50
	18	Running line against Pittsfield	3.00
	19	At office to post warrant ....	1.50
	20	Bringing F. Canney from Rochester and return to fix safe .....	4.00
Nov.	6	At office .....	3.00
Dec.	4	At office .....	3.00
1921			
Jan.	1	At office .....	3.00
	4	At office .....	3.00
	22	Drawing jury .....	1.50
	31	At office .....	3.00
		Use of team on town's business	7.50
		Telephone and postage .....	.75
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			\$122.25

## MONEY RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED FOR

### BY TREASURER, 1920

Amount in treasurer's hands .....	\$5,086.05
Amount received from F. A. Scruton, abatements 1919 tax .....	92.66
Amount of 1919 tax received from F. A. Scruton .....	1,732.80
Amount of interest received from F. A. Scruton, 1919 .....	65.54
Amount received from A. M. Leighton, 1918 .....	169.27
From F. A. Scruton, 1920 taxes .....	15,710.90
From F. A. Scruton, rebates, 1920 taxes	134.71
From A. R. Caverly, pool table permit .	10.00
From E. L. P. Foss, loaned school .....	1,230.00
From F. W. Hilton, auto permits .....	375.95

From Guy Smart, Perkins cemetery . . .	100.00
From F. W. Hilton, dog licenses . . . . .	125.40
From Pacific Mills . . . . .	2,200.00
From F. W. Hilton, Primary fee . . . . .	4.00
From Rochester Trust Co., note . . . . .	1,200.00
From Rochester Trust Co., note . . . . .	1,000.00
From Rochester Trust Co., note . . . . .	1,700.00
From F. A. Scruton, balance Old Home Day . . . . .	27.92
From H. R. Hill, ice cream sales . . . . .	6.50
From State Aid Maintenance . . . . .	82.98
From Trunk Lines Improved . . . . .	30.26
From Trunk Line Maintenance . . . . .	79.31
From Federal Aid . . . . .	1,533.33
From C. F. Hill, overdraft, New Road . .	328.36
From State saving bank tax . . . . .	1,190.11
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	\$34,216.05
Paid by selectmens' orders . . . . .	\$29,941.98
Paid for stamp on note . . . . .	.14
Cash on hand . . . . .	4,273.93
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	\$34,216.05

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER R. BROWN,

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROSCOE E. FOSS,

GEORGE P. FOSS,

Auditors.

#### OUTSTANDING DEBTS

Trust fund notes . . . . .	\$5,700.00
Elsworth H. Berry, notes . . . . .	700.00
Etta J. Berry . . . . .	1,300.00

John F. Scruton .....	500.00
Arthur G. Scruton .....	500.00
Rochester Trust Co. ....	13,500.00
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	\$22,200.00

### AMOUNT DUE TOWN

Amount due from F. A. Scruton. 1920 .	\$1,884.84
Real estate bought by town and not re- deemed .....	49.90
State aid maintenance .....	357.66
Trunk line maintenance .....	332.91
Federal aid .....	4,754.15
Amount in treasurer's hands .....	4,273.93
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	\$11,653.39
Balance against town, 1921 .....	10,546.61
Balance against town, 1920 .....	10,665.76
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Decrease in town debt .....	\$119.15

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. HILL,  
FRANK R. JONES,  
WILBUR E. FOSS,

Selectmen of Strafford.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROSCOE E. FOSS,  
GEORGE P. FOSS,

Auditors.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Strafford, N. H., in Strafford County,  
for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1921.

## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained  
in this report was taken from the official records and  
is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge  
and belief.

Date February 9, 1921.

CHARLES F. HILL,  
WILBUR E. FOSS.  
CHESTER R. BROWN,

## ASSETS

Cash .....	\$4,273.93
Accounts due town:	.
Due from state:	
State aid maintenance .....	357.66
Trunk line .....	332.91
Federal aid .....	4,754.15
Other bills due town .....	49.90
Taxes not collected .....	1,884.84
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Total assets .....	\$11,653.39
Excess of liabilities over assets .....	8,046.61

## LIABILITIES

Outstanding temporary	
loans in anticipation of	
taxes .....	\$11,000.00
Long term notes outstanding	3,000.00
Trust funds, amount of prin-	
cipal used by town ...	5,700.00
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Total liabilities .....	\$19,700.00

## RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
From local taxes:	
Property taxes	
committ e d	
to collector,	
1920 . . . . .	\$16,684.45
Less discounts	
and abate-	
ments, 1920	134.71
Less uncollect-	
ed, 1920 . .	1,884.84
Property taxes, current year,	
actually collected . . . .	\$14,799.61
Poll taxes, current year, ac-	
tually collected @ \$3 .	36.00
Poll taxes, current year, ac-	
tually collected, @ \$5 .	1,010.00
Property and poll taxes, pre-	
vious years, actually	
collected . . . . .	1,902.07
Total of above collections . .	\$17,747.68
From state:	
For highways, Pacific Mills	2,200.00
For state aid maintenance .	82.98
Trunk line unimproved . . . .	30.26
For trunk line maintenance	79.31
For trunk line construction,	
federal aid . . . . .	1,533.33
Savings bank tax . . . . .	1,190.11
Dog licenses . . . . .	125.40
Business licenses and per-	
mits . . . . .	10.00
Interest received on taxes .	65.54
Permits for the registration	
of motor vehicles . . . . .	375.95

Primary registration fee . . .	4.00	
		5,696.88

Total current revenue receipts . . . . .		\$23,444.56
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## PAYMENTS

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

## General government:

Town officers' salaries . . . .		\$1,001.25
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Town officers' expenses . . .	111.19	
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Expenses town hall and other town buildings .	7.00	
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Damage by dogs . . . . .	15.00	
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## Health:

Health department, includ ing hospitals . . . . .	17.75	
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Vital statistics . . . . .	15.00	
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## Highways and bridges:

State aid maintenance . . . .	134.43	
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Trunk line maintenance . . .	206.39	
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Town maintenance . . . . .	9,048.46	
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Street lighting and sprinkl- ing . . . . .	430.26	
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General expenses of high- way department, in- cluding watering troughs . . . . .	6.00	
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Libraries . . . . .	42.30	
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Aid to G. A. R. and Memo- rial Day exercises . . . .	50.00	
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Cemeteries, including hearse hire . . . . .	15.95	
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Old Home Day . . . . .	300.00	
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\$11,400.98



Total current maintenance expenses .....		\$11,400.98
Total receipts brought forward .....		\$23,444.56
Receipts other than current revenue:		
Long term notes during year	\$39.00	
Trust funds .....	100.00	
Received from school board for money loaned ....	1,230.00	
C. F. Hill, overdraft on New Road .....	328.36	
Old Home Day, returned by F. A. Scruton .....	27.92	
Old Home Day, returned by H. R. Hill .....	6.50	
Abatements refunded, 1919	92.66	
		<hr/> 5,685.44
Total receipts from all sources .....		\$29,130.00
Cash on hand February 1, 1920, .....		\$5,086.05
		<hr/> \$34,216.05
Total payments brought forward from page 5....		\$11,400.98
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes ..	\$480.00	
Paid on long term notes ...	100.00	
Paid on bonded debt .....	320.00	
Total interest payments		<hr/> \$900.00

Outlay for new construction  
and permanent im-  
provements:

Highways and bridges, state aid construction . . . . .	\$664.75	
Highways and bridges — trunk line construction	2,800.00	
Highways and bridges — town construction . . . .	3,866.33	
	<hr/>	7.331.08

Indebtedness:

Payment for stamps on note		.14
Payments to other govern- governmental divisions:		
Taxes paid to state . . . . .	\$2,397.00	
Taxes paid to county . . . . .	1,528.09	
Payments to school districts	6,157.46	
Abatements refunded . . . . .	227.37	
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Total payments for all purposes . . . . .	\$29,942.12
Cash on hand January 31, 1921 . . . . .	\$4,273.93
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	\$34,216.05

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Received from town treasurer . . . . .	\$42.30
Balance from 1919 . . . . .	2.00
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Cash received for 1920 . . . . .	\$44.30
Paid for printing . . . . .	\$1.75
Paid for new books . . . . .	13.46
Cash on hand . . . . .	29.09
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	\$44.30

Any one having library books at their homes please return to library for cataloging and renovating, if necessary.

Austin Cate library has been placed with town's, and books will be available on Tuesday and Saturday. Entrance to library through principal's office.

LUCY S. HILL,

Chairman.

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### REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

To the School Board and Citizens of Strafford:—

I herewith present for your consideration my first annual report as superintendent of your public schools, together with the school statistics. This report covers the school year ending August 31, 1920.

During this year ten schools were maintained in town for a whole or part of the year. The State law now requires that schools be maintained for a year of 36 weeks, and with two exceptions your schools were carried on for this time. On account of difficulty in engaging a teacher, and the condition of the winter roads, it was found necessary to petition the State Board for a slight decrease in number of weeks in these two schools, making their year 33 and 35 weeks respectively.

During the time that these schools were in session, your superintendent made a total of 143 visits, an average of about once in two weeks to every school. At the beginning of the year, during the first visits of the superintendent, the pupils were classified in different grades so as to make their work somewhat uniform throughout the town, and at the same time set a definite standard of attainment for each class, thus making it possible to determine with some degree of exactitude whether or not pupils were making the progress that they should.



At all subsequent visits, classes in different subjects were examined with a view to ascertaining if the work had been thoroughly accomplished and whether or not the time had come to make a fresh start on new work. The work for the different grades was discussed in some detail with the teachers.

Relative to the condition of the school buildings of the town, I am here inserting the provisions of the Sate Board of Education for approval of school buildings, and from these requirements it can easily be ascertained by any interested party whether or not your school buildings are up to standard.

1. Lighting shall be principally from the pupils' left and rear, and no lighting shall be permitted in front. The ratio of window area to floor area shall be not less than one to five. Ceilings shall be white or light cream color and curtains of a light tint shall be provided where needed.

2. Equipment for heating must be adequate to furnish a minimum temperature of 68 degrees, and some provision must be made for ventilation.

3. Floors must be in good condition and oiled or swept with some dust laying compound.

4. Toilets must be decent and in a sanitary condition. Single toilets for both sexes will not be approved, except for small schools, and then only if their entrance is from the school room only.

5. Water for drinking must be provided in properly covered receptacle with faucet. Facilities for washing hands must be provided. Common drinking cups are prohibited.

6. Every school house must be provided with a flag and proper means for displaying same.

It is a well known fact that even under the most favorable conditions, a small school comprising nearly all grades will not accomplish as much as a larger school with only two or three grades. Con-

sidering this, it would seem to follow as a logical conclusion that a consolidation of schools wherever practical would be a most excellent thing, together with a division of some school building into a two room school. Such a consolidation and division might be effected at the Bow Lake school, combining two or three other nearby schools with this school, dividing the school room and making it a two teacher school with four grades in each room. It would seem that with suitable and proper means of transportation provided, such a plan would be eminently desirable both from an economical and an educational point of view. It is hoped that the board and citizens in general will give this plan some consideration.

The attendance in the majority of the schools has been all that could reasonably be desired, while in some few schools there has been too much unexcusable absence. Irregular attendance is harmful, not only to the individual pupil, but to the morale of the school in general. For the best results in this matter, the fullest cooperation of the parents is asked.

Some changes in textbooks have seemed both wise and economical. Many of the books were ten years of age or over and thus, especially in the case of geography, teaching the pupils many things presented as facts and figures which are no longer true.

The old geographies have been largely replaced by the new Frye-Atwood. New arithmetics have been installed to correspond more closely to the system of grading, and some new histories to take the place of the more obsolete and worn out texts in that subject. Also some supplementary readers have been introduced in order to keep alive the interest in one of our most important subjects—reading.

In the schools taught by Miss Perry and Miss

Scruton. where many of the children remain over the noon period during the colder months, the warm noon lunch has been introduced. I feel sure that the results of the innovation will be largely beneficial to the physical and mental welfare of the pupils and hope that the same thing can be accomplished in other schools during the coming year.

The Junior High School at the Austin Cate Academy is, I believe, of material assistance in furthering the educational welfare of the children. Many pupils, who perhaps slightly over age or overgrown upon reaching the eighth grade, do not care to continue their work with smaller pupils in the ordinary rural school; while if these pupils can be properly admitted to the Junior High, find more incentive for school work and see something ahead worth working for. I hope this department of the Academy may be continued.

I wish to take this occasion to thank the school board and teachers of the town for their cooperation and welcome of the system of supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. ADAMS.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Schools	Teachers	No. School Weeks	Whole No Pupils Registered	Average Daily Attendance	No. Visits by Supt.	Other Visitors	No. Pupils not Absent or Tardy
Strafford Center	Marguerite Allen						
	Edith F. Mitchell	33	23	20	17	63	0
Pinehurst	Hattie Harvey						
	Bernice Durgin						
	Alice Allen	36	17	9.77	17	17	0
Strafford Blue Hills	Hattie Scruton Avery	36	13	10	15	14	0
Caswell's	Bernice M. Durgin						
	Harriett Harvey	36	8	6	14	16	4
Strafford Corner	Alta B. Scruton	36	19	14	14	29	0
Robert's School	Mary P. Hall	36	20	12	12	31	2
District No. 12	Mabel G. Perry	35	22	11	16	21	1
Bow Lake	Etta S. Waldron	36	11	9.7	16	29	0
Whittier	Minnie T. Foss	36	17	13.9	16	23	1
Willey	Helen M. Berry	13	8	7	6	46	4



## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

## Center

Ruth B. Brown, one term.  
Edith A. Caverly, one term.  
Pauline E. Ellison, one term.  
Velna M. Hayes, one term.  
Ruth E. Hayes, one term.  
Mary E. Roberts, one term.  
Iva L. Stiles, one term.  
Ivan H. Hayes, one term.  
Harold S. Stiles, one term.  
Merton A. Waterhouse, one term.

## Willey

Marion A. Evans. one term.  
Alma L. Lakeman, one term.  
Carleton H. Lakeman, one term.  
Edna P. Lakeman, one term.

## Bow Lake

Ruth E. Caverly, two terms.  
Valmore S. Caverly, two terms.

## No. 12.

Marion Hanson. three terms.  
Abbie Hanson, one term.  
Laura Hanson, one term.  
Lillian Woodworth. one term.

## Corner

Ernest H. Howard, one term.

## Caswell's

Walter L. Huckins, one term.  
Mary E. Huckins, one term.  
Alice M. Fortin, three terms.  
Alfred Fortin, one term.

## Robert's

Verta A. Hamilton, two terms.  
Lloyd B. Hamilton. two terms.

Ruth A. Babb, three terms.  
 Everell B. Foss, one term.  
 Hazel S. Lingard, one term.  
 Vida C. Lund, three terms.  
 Myrl J. Lund, one term.  
 Maurice C. Lund, two terms.  
 Forrest R. Winkley, one term.  
 Gladys M. Winkley, one term.

#### Blue Hills

Forest J. K. Varney, two terms.  
 Christine Wight, one term.  
 Melvin Clark, one term.

### SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Report of Emma L. P. Foss, treasurer of School District of Strafford, for the year ending September 1, 1920.

Amount on hand .....	\$4,897.54
Amount from state .....	2,839.59
Amount appropriated for spring term ..	900.00
Amount overdraft, on money for next year .....	500.00
Total .....	<u>\$9,137.13</u>

### PAID TEACHERS FOR FALL AND

#### WINTER TERMS

Dist. No. 1	Alta Scruton, 22 weeks ...	\$308.00
Dist. No. 5	Hattie Scruton Avery, 22 weeks .....	330.00
Dist. No. 7	May P. Hall, 22 weeks ...	308.00
Dist. No. 10	Lona S. Libby, 6 weeks ...	84.00
Dist. No. 10	Myra Huckins, 1 week ...	14.00
Dist. No. 10	Marguerite Allen, 12 weeks	168.00
Dist. No. 12	Mabel C. Perry, 21 weeks .	294.00
Dist. No. 15	Harriett Harvey, 21 weeks	252.00

Dist. No. 17	Etta S. Waldron, 22 weeks	308.00
Dist. No. 18	Minnie E. Foss, 22 weeks .	308.00
Dist. No. 19	Bernice Durgin, 22 weeks .	308.00

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Total .....\$2,682.00

#### PAID TEACHERS FOR SPRING TERM

Dist. No. 1	Alta Scruton, 14 weeks ...	\$196.00
Dist. No. 5	Hattie S. Avery, 14 weeks.	210.00
Dist. No. 7	May P. Hall, 14 weeks ...	196.00
Dist. No. 10	Edith P. Mitchell, 14 weeks	196.00
Dist. No. 12	Mabel C. Perry, 14 weeks .	196.00
Dist. No. 13	Helen Berry, 13 weeks, ...	182.00
Dist. No. 15	Harriett Harvey, 15 weeks	180.00
Dist. No. 17	Etta S. Waldron, 14 weeks	196.00
Dist. No. 18	Minnie E. Foss, 14 weeks .	196.00
Dist. No. 19	Mrs. E. B. Allen. 14 weeks	196.00

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Total .....\$1,944.00

#### SALARIES

Lena V. Leighton for services as member of school board .....	\$50.00
M. Corinne Tufts for services as member of school board .....	50.00
Victor L. Caverly for services as member of school board .....	50.00
Emma L. P. Foss, for services as treasurer	50.00
Victor L. Caverly, for amount assessed	
Strafford for supervisor .....	97.82
J. Owen Libby, for services as truant officer	12.00

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Total .....\$309.82

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Silver, Burdette & Co., for books .....	\$6.05
Russel Sage Foundation, for supplies .....	.45

R. E. Lane, for enumeration cards .....	1.31
Milton Bradley Co., for books .....	3.00
Charles Scribner & Sons, for books .....	7.34
Silver, Burdette & Co., for books .....	2.65
D. Appleton & Co., for books .....	12.01
Kenney & Watkins, for pencils .....	13.41
Little, Brown & Co., for books .....	5.29
The Cable Co., for 24 song books .....	2.00
D. Appleton & Co., for books .....	10.00
Charles Scribner & Sons, for books .....	7.72
Edward E. Babb, for supplies .....	10.97
Edward E. Babb, for supplies .....	15.04
Little Brown & Co., for books .....	8.28
A. N. Palmer & Co., for writing books ...	6.48
D. H. Knowlton & Co., for supplies .....	1.25
J. L. Hammett Co., for supplies .....	.06
J. L. Hammett Co., for supplies .....	16.50
American Book Co., for books .....	16.12
American Book Co., for books .....	34.74
Ginn & Company, for books .....	20.55
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Total .....	\$201.22

## CONVEYANCE

Maud Woodworth .....	\$30.00
Maud Woodworth .....	22.00
Maud Woodworth .....	66.00
Maud Woodworth .....	44.00
Maud Woodworth .....	22.00
Maud Woodworth .....	44.00
E. K. Clark .....	48.00
E. K. Clark .....	48.00
J. Owen Libby .....	50.00
J. Owen Libby .....	40.00
J. Owen Libby .....	30.00
J. Owen Libby .....	40.00
J. Owen Libby .....	30.00



Arthur Waterhouse .....	80.00
Arthur Waterhouse .....	60.00
Total .....	<u>\$654.00</u>

## TUITION

## Austin-Cate Academy

Winter term of 1918 and 1919, spring and fall of 1919 .....	\$598.00
Winter term of 1919 and 1920, spring of 1920 .....	450.00
Total .....	<u>\$1,048.00</u>

## WOOD

Fred O. Caswell, wood and kindlings ....	\$47.00
E. B. Allen, 2 cords fitted wood .....	20.00
Earl R. Tufts, wood .....	13.65
Albert E. Foss, 2 cords wood and kindlings	22.50
Victor L. Caverly, 2 cords fitted wood ....	20.00
A. B. Preston, 2 cords fitted wood .....	22.00
Earl R. Tufts, 2 cords fitted wood .....	18.00
C. H. Perry, fitted wood and slabs .....	12.00
Moses Durgin, kindlings .....	2.00
Albert E. Foss, 1 cord fitted wood .....	10.00
Fred O. Caswell, 4½ cords fitted wood ...	45.00
S. E. Hanson, 1 cord fitted wood .....	8.00
Everett Tasker, 1 cord fitted wood .....	7.00
Earl R. Tufts, 1 cord fitted wood .....	9.00
E. B. Allen, wood and kindlings .....	24.25
Total .....	<u>\$280.40</u>

## JANITORS

Alta Scruton .....	\$14.00
May P. Hall .....	14.00
Etta S. Waldron .....	6.00

Etta S. Waldron .....	14.00
Etta S. Waldron .....	14.00
George A. Johnson .....	4.50
George A. Johnson .....	6.25
George A. Johnson .....	9.00
Harriett Harvey .....	14.00
Harriett Harvey .....	14.00
Harriett Harvey .....	6.00
Walter Huckins .....	6.00
Laura Hanson .....	10.00
Laura Hanson .....	2.50
Bernice Durgin .....	8.00
Bernice Durgin .....	6.00
Arthur Brown .....	4.00
Mrs. E. B. Allen .....	7.00
Edith P. Mitchell .....	14.00
Marguerite Allen .....	9.00
Virgil Scribner .....	6.50
Victor H. Caverly .....	3.00
Marion Evans .....	6.50
Laura Hanson .....	7.00

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Total .....	\$205.25
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#### MISCELLANEOUS

W. W. Evans, for 7 curtains for Dist. 5 ...	\$4.90
Grace Rowe, for cleaning school house Dist. 10 .....	3.00
Earl R. Tufts, for removing desks from No. 3 to No. 7 .....	7.00
A. C. Berry, for repairing bridge .....	5.00
Brockway Smith Corp., 10 windows .....	32.10
Roscoe E. Foss, for hanging flag rope .....	1.50
The Reed Esty Co., for flag ropes .....	4.00
D. H. Tufts for 2 days' labor on school house No. 1, .....	5.00
W. A. Smith, for 2 days' labor on school house No. 1 .....	5.00

Eugene C. Foss, for window fastening, No. 1 .....	1.44
Roscoe E. Foss, for glass and labor .....	1.00
R. W. Tuttle, M. D., medical inspection ..	6.00
Leon H. Sowards, for labor .....	2.00
Lena Leighton, for cash paid for cleaning school house .....	3.00
Eugene Brown, for cleaning school house ..	2.00
J. F. Merrill, M. D., for medical inspection	50.00
J. L. Hammett Co., .....	20.65
Walter Huckins, for labor .....	.60
Victor L. Caverly, for incidentals .....	4.00
Alta Scruton, for cleaning school house ..	2.50
Lena Leighton, for incidentals .....	2.00
Victor L. Caverly, for express .....	.77
Rose Foss, for broom .....	.95
Mrs. C. H. Foss, for broom .....	.95
Frank Rowe, for 2 brooms and 3 wash bowls .....	3.80
J. L. Hammett .....	11.13
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Total .....	\$180.29

## EXPENDITURES

Teachers for fall and winter terms .....	\$2,682.00
Teachers for spring term .....	1,944.00
School supplies .....	201.22
Salaries .....	309.82
Conveyance .....	654.00
Wood .....	280.40
High school tuition .....	1,048.00
Janitors .....	205.25
Miscellaneous .....	180.29
Paid tax on enrollment of pupils .....	340.00
Paid overdraft .....	1,230.00
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Amount paid out .....	\$9,074.98

Amount received .....	\$9,137.13
Amount paid out .....	9,074.98

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Amount on hand September 1, 1920 . \$62.15

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROSCOE E. FOSS.

GEORGE P. FOSS,

Auditors.

### BUDGET (SCHOOL MONEY)

Estimate of appropriations needed for the year beginning September 1, 1921.

1. \$5 tax on 1921 inventory .....	\$3,620.46
2. For repairs .....	300.00
3. For payment of high school tuition ..	2,500.00
4. For salaries of district officers .....	215.00
5. For payment of the per capita tax ...	288.00
Total .....	\$6,923.46



# VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1921.

Date of Birth	Name of Child.	male or female				Name of Father.	Name of Mother	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Living or Stillborn	No. Child	Color					
1920										
Feb. 6	Irene Foss . . . . .	F	7	9	w	George P. Foss . . . . .	Stella Libby . . . . .	Farmer . . . . .	Strafford . . . . .	Strafford . . . . .
June 11	Carle Verne Winkley . . . . .	M	2	2		Roscoe Winkley . . . . .	Eunice M. Varney . . . . .	Shoemaker . . . . .	Barrington . . . . .	Rochester . . . . .
15	Dora Belle Nason . . . . .	F	1	1		George E. Nason . . . . .	Cora B. Canney . . . . .	Farmer . . . . .	—N. H. . . . .	Dover . . . . .
20	Veurtia May Dubois . . . . .	F	2	2		Joseph A. Dubois . . . . .	Velmar Pray . . . . .	Laborer . . . . .	Strafford . . . . .	Barnstead . . . . .
July 30	Dorothy M. Brock . . . . .	F	2	2		Edgar A. Brock . . . . .	Mildred Hall . . . . .	Farmer . . . . .		Nova Scotia . . . . .
4	Lilla L. Parshey . . . . .	F	6	6		Alvin E. Parshey . . . . .	Elizabeth Gibson . . . . .	Box maker . . . . .		Strafford . . . . .
16	. . . . .	F	4	4		Edgar E. Huckins . . . . .	Addie Hill . . . . .	Farmer . . . . .	Canaan . . . . .	
17	. . . . .	F	10	10		Sidney E. Hanson . . . . .	Lura Nutter . . . . .	Farmer . . . . .	Barnstead . . . . .	Gilmanton . . . . .
Aug. 3	Christine Nelson . . . . .	F	3	3		Roscoe C. Nelson . . . . .	Tressa Parker . . . . .	Agent . . . . .	Gilmanton . . . . .	Ctr. Strafford . . . . .
Nov. 14	. . . . .	F	6	6		Lauris B. Brown . . . . .	Bessie Judkins . . . . .	Farmer . . . . .	Strafford . . . . .	Reading, Mass. . . . .
1921										
Jan. 30	. . . . .	M	5	5		Frederick D. Lund . . . . .	Lura B. Johnson . . . . .	Farmer . . . . .	Grafton . . . . .	Enfield, . . . . .

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending Jan. 31, 1921.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.	Age	Place of Birth.	Name of Parents.	Name, Official Station and Residence of Person by whom Married.
1920							
Sept. 4	Northwood . .	Edson J. Clark . . . .	Strafford . . . .	33	Strafford . . . .	John D. Clark . . . . Ella D. Caverly . . . . Roy H. Smith . . . . Stella C. Streeter . . . .	Rev. George W. Collins Northwood
Dec. 11	Strafford . . . .	John W. Tuttle . . . . H. Pauline Stiles . . . .	Northwood . . . . Strafford . . . .	39 26	Strafford . . . . "	Jeremiah Tuttle . . . . Sarah Smith . . . . James H. Stiles . . . . Mary Walker . . . .	Rev. Chester W. Dow Crr. Strafford
1921 Jan. 31	Northwood . .	Joseph E. Davis . . . . Sarah O. Twombly . . . .	Strafford . . . . Barrington . . . .	24 18	Dorchester, N.H. Barrington . . . .	Walter L. Davis . . . . Rebecca Whitcher . . . . Charles E. Twombly . . . . Mary A. Caswell . . . .	Rev. E. M. Smith Northwood

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Strafford N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1921.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex	Single, married or widowed.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years	Months	Days							
1920											
Feb. 9	Vienna E. Scruton	70	5	3	Strafford	F	M	Strafford	Rochester	Nathaniel Brock	Susan Meader
Feb. 15	Georgé M. Hubbard	87	3	15	P. E. Island	M	M	London, Eng		William Hubbard	Debra Scruton
March 24	Irving A. Howard	49	4	5	Strafford	M	M	Strafford	Strafford	Ezra Howard	Dorothy Gray
March 30	Mary J. Piper	82	3	16		F	W	Newington	Barrington	Ebenezer Downing	Mary Welcome
April 26	Philip H. Welcome	82	1	1	St. Pierre, Canada	M	W	Canada	Canada	Fontaine Welcome	Catherine Johnson
April 30	Esther J. Bunker	67	11	29	Strafford	F	W	Strafford	Fryburg, Me	Stephen Johnson	Joseph Scruton
May 8	Sarah B. Jenness	77	4	14	"	F	W	Farmington	Strafford	Eben Clark	Elizabeth Caverly
May 30	John D. Clark	78	5	21	"	M	M	Strafford	"	Azariah Waldron	Emerly Hill
July 30	Charles W. Waldron	63	3	27	"	M	M	Strafford		Solomon Bowliby	Susan Slocum
Sept. 9	John F. O. Bowliby	67	4	5	Aylesford, N. S.	M	M	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Robert Huckins	Mary A. Paul
Sept. 25	Lydia E. Huckins	64	7	10	Dover	F	S	Strafford	Rollinsford	Thomas Caswell	Sally Evans
Oct. 20	Edmond O. Caswell	87	1	8	Strafford	M	W	"	Strafford	Leonard W. Caverly	Martha Washburn
Nov. 11	Herville V. Caverly	60	7	21	"	M	W	"	Hartford, Me	Azariah B. Hill	Hannah Hall
Dec. 17	Samuel H. Hill	82	3	2	"	M	W	"	Strafford	Joseph Whitehouse	Drusilla Brock
Jan. 10	Hannah S. Cater	84	3	2		F	M	Farmington	Strafford		

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK W. HILTON, Town Clerk.







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